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**PATENT**

Docket No. GC593

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In re Application of )  
Dyson et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/435,461 )  
Filed: November 5, 1999 )  
For: ENZYMES USEFUL FOR )  
CHANGING THE PROPERTIES )  
OF POLYESTER )

Group Art Unit: 1651

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2001, finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application, Applicants are filing herewith a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). Please enter the instant amendment prior to reconsideration of the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 1, 7, 12 and 13 with the following clean copy of said amended claims. A marked-up version of the amended claims is appended hereto.

*1. (Twice Amended)* A method for modifying the surface of an aromatic polyester resin, film, fiber, yarn or fabric comprising treating said polyester with a polyesterase enzyme for a time and under conditions to modify the properties of said polyester, wherein said treatment occurs prior to the application of a finish and said modified properties of said treated polyester are selected from the group consisting of pilling, prilling prevention, weight, feel, appearance and luster properties of said polyester.